

BERKSHIRE HIKERS

June – August 2006 Calendar

The Bellow's Pipe Cultural & Natural History Tour, Mt. Greylock

Saturday June 17th 9am-2pm

A 5-mile moderate to difficult hike that will include a Cultural and Natural History Tour beginning at the Greylock Glen. While hiking along The Bellow's Pipe Trail, an old travel road, observe the many remnants of human settlements along the way such as stonewalls and the Rebecca Eddy cellar hole. Retrace some of the stops Thoreau made while hiking to the summit in 1844 and learn about "The Ghosts of the Pipe" such as 'Old Coot while learning about various forest plants and trees along the way. This program is co-sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports, The Mass Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and The Department of Conservation and Recreation. Hike leaders are Naturalist Aimee Gelinis and Berkshire Cultural Historian Mike Whalen. Participants should dress in breathable layers and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Greylock Glen parking area on Gould Road in Adams. Bug spray suggested. Bring a lunch and water. Meet at the Greylock Glen parking area on Gould Road in Adams. **Program Registration REQUIRED!** Call Eastern Mountain Sports at (413) 445-4967 *"This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshires, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."*

Old Growth Trees on Deer Hill, Mt. Greylock

Saturday July 29th 9am-1pm

Hike 3-4 miles roundtrip into the one of the last stands of old growth trees on Mt Greylock left standing by loggers due to its steep mountainous conditions and difficult traversing. Learn about the tanning industry and sheep farming that helped to strip the mountain of its older trees. Participants will learn about the final forest succession stages of a Hemlock forest, see one of the largest stands of Mountain Maple trees in Berkshire county and observe a "state champion" Red Spruce tree that is currently listed as one of the top ten largest and oldest old growth in the state. This loop trail begins and ends in the Campground. This program is co-sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports, The Mass Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and The Department of Conservation and Recreation. Hike leaders are Naturalist Aimee Gelinis and Berkshire Cultural Historian Mike Whalen. Participants should dress in breathable layers and wear hiking boots. Bug spray suggested. Bring a lunch and water. Meet at the Sperry Road Campground headquarters off Rockwell Road. **Program Registration REQUIRED!** Call Eastern Mountain Sports at (413) 445-4967 *"This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshires, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."*

"Tales of the Berkshires" Campfire Program at Stony Ledge, Mt. Greylock

*****TWO SUMMER DATES!!!** Saturday July 8th and Saturday August 19th 8:30-10:00pm

An evening of Berkshire Tales including Folklore, Nature and Ghost Stories both spooky and fun told around a glowing campfire at Mt. Greylock's scenic Stony Ledge.

This is an opportunity to meet such legends as "Old Coot", Indian Medicine Man Hokaposset, The Windigo and other characters that once dwelled upon Greylock and the surrounding hills along with Native American tales such as Jumping Mouse and Coyote's Howl. This program is co-sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports, The Mass Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and

The Department of Conservation and Recreation. Campfire storytellers are Naturalist Aimee Gelinas and Berkshire Cultural Historian Mike Whalen. Bug spray suggested. Bring a snack to share! Meet at Stony Ledge (Mt. Greylock Campground) at the end of Sperry Road off Rockwell Road. **Program Registration REQUIRED!** Call Eastern Mountain Sports at (413) 445-4967

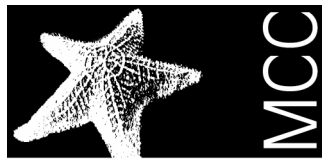
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Blueberry Bush Trek to Round's Rock, Mt. Greylock

August 19th 5pm-8pm

Hike the Northrup Trail to Rounds Rock on this early evening, 3-mile round-trip hike. Rounds Rock is famous for its wealth of Low Bush Blueberries peaking with ripeness in August. This open rocky ledge is home to many Bear and Deer in search of the low shrubs and lichens. Learn to identify plants adapted to this special, Alpine like environment. Participants will be treated to westerly views and tasty Blueberry Treats. Historical interpretation about the 1900's plane crash site will be added as well. This program is co-sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports, The Mass Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire and The Department of Conservation and Recreation. Hike leaders are Naturalist Aimee Gelinas and Berkshire Cultural Historian Mike Whalen. Participants should dress in breathable layers and wear hiking boots. Bug spray suggested. Bring a lunch and water. Meet at the Jones Nose parking area to the right off Rockwell Road. **Program Registration REQUIRED!** Call Eastern Mountain Sports at (413) 445-4967

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